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THE CHEAP NEGRO
By Dr. M. A. Majors

Once in a great while one meets here and there some fellow who you'd think was a real man when if the truth was known there is nothing but an empty hulk passing himself off as merely an excuse, instead of the real quality. The old time Negro who used to bow before white folks, and use a contemptuous grin and easy grace to emphasize his inferiority has given place to the young up-to-date Negro who believes in himself, in his God and in his race.

There is really some excuse for the fellow who by heredity is bequeathed a poverty of blood, the elements of which coursed the veins of the father who trucked and stooped to the master and the devilish overseers of slavery days. This kind of Negro flourished in those dark days because he did not possess any manhood, and was planted in the hands of the people who owned him body and soul. It is a bit out of harmony with the present period of the world's progress to find anybody upholding such a spirit, or putting into practice those debased feelings of inferiority that favor might follow fawning.

The welfare of the Negro race is now to be determined on the principle of sterling manhood. Bowing and stooping, bending, having that humble spirit to submit freely to the whims of anybody without making a manly protest has cost the race years of humiliation and oceans of tears. Of course our hearts go out to the fellow who is lacking in the manhood to sacrifice position, and favors, to stand up like a man and fight desperately the race's fight to sustain those noble precepts of an oppressed, and too frequently outraged people.

We have the kind we have been describing in and out of the church, in and out of law, in and out of medicine, in and out of the pulpit, in and out of business. And this is the kind of skullduggery that has been the chief handicap to the race. God have mercy on us, weighted down with such misfits in high places. We have but too freely charged up to the white race the sin of omission, and commission, feeling that our suffering was attributable to our condition alone, but we have, alas! too often erred; our burden has been all the greater, and harder to bear because we left responsibility in the hands of cowardly puppets, mistaken for big men, who for a mess of pottage bartered away our rights and benefits, slaking a thirst and hunger for their own promotion.

It is such a pity that there are such creatures still alive. The poison ooze of such perfidious vipers have brought almost general stagnation to the entire race. As long as we have the sneak in high places among our group there will be serious trouble to our development, because every low ingrate among them will champion the cause of the white race to our race detriment.

We are to feel always the power of truth and righteousness, and we are to contend for everything that falls within the lines of our struggle upwards. Sycophants, toadies, white folks worshippers, have been a detrimental to us as the gambler, crook, and immoral reprobate. The sooner we as a people put such ilk in some isolated place where we will not have to suffer the reproach and humiliation, augmented by their kind it will be all the better.

We know that some white people disregard us, and look upon us cheaply because they know that there

is a severe shortcoming on the part of some supposedly big Negro in whom we as a people place too much confidence. We have been spurned because too many of that kind have been recreant to their duty, and broke faith too often with their own unfortunate fellows.

What are we going to do about it?

LITTLE EDITORIALS
By Dr. M. A. Majors

If life is worth living it is worth loving. Who does not love some one? Or who is not loved by some one? Who is it that is not loved? Or who is it that does not want to be loved? These are questions that are quite as important as food, raiment, and the rest of it.

There are people in the world that take but little stock in what they term a very frivolous matter. The man or woman who at some stage in their lives never felt the thrill of affection in their hearts is dying a living death. A baby's cry, a woman's tears, a mother's anxiety, a father's hopes, a race's bulwark are all wrapped up in this one little word "Love." Yea, very much more than the greatest artist can picture, vastly more than the sharpest intellect can imagine. The great world itself would become stagnant, nature would grow sick, life would be dulled to affliction, and everything we have to hope for would degenerate to chaos.

Love brings the tint of the rose to the maiden's cheek. It brings to the mind and heart of the youth a spirit of achievement. It fires the soul of the human race to look up, and forward. It is the one thing in the world that the world would indeed be very poor without. Chiefly love is the greatest concern of the human race, all other things, no matter what, are veritably insignificant by the side of it.

We are a very unfortunate race, and we stand condemned it seems by our own undesirables, as well as by the lower strata of the white race. It is becoming quite the custom to hear people say they despise certain corners along State street, and they ascribe to their reason the unfair position men take of commenting in ugly fashion, and showing certain unwelcome tendencies to carry on levity that is not inviting. Of course they have to stand on the corners as goodfellows, meeting their gentlemen friends, while the ladies are waiting for the cross line cars.

We are not to discredit the manners of the old uncle Toms, even if we must pass up their humble conduct. The spirit of the times call for men with heads erect, shoulders straight, giving the chin its rightful poise, but we must not leave out of the equation the good manners of gentlemen. There are some good qualities in these old people who stood so many years as our first line of defense. They have come up through great trials and tribulations, and they are well qualified on many good points it would be well for us to use all through life. We never see them without searching the richest corner of our hearts for some kind of admiration, knowing full well their suffering ages, and the fury they have had to face to live.

"Sam's Message to Bam" is the title of a little book just off the press written by this writer. It tells in rhyme the story of a young Negro who has taken residence in the North. He is writing his friends in the South and giving them some true data on the status of the race. It is a novelty in a class by itself, and will provide an hour of very pleasing amusement. If you are looking for a souvenir to mail to your friends yet below the Mason and Dixon line that will give them the message as to your getting on, we do not know where you can find anything that can equal it, if we do say so ourselves. They are selling for 15 cents, one dozen for one dollar. Address: Novelty Publishing Co., 4700 State street.

WHY DO YOU DRESS FINE?
By Dr. M. A. Majors

There is too much fuss made over dress, and how one looks, and not enough on who one is, and what one does. If we are to lose our equilibrium on how one looks, instead of the qualifications that make up the decalogue of character, then all of our precepts should be concentrated on finery, beauty and foolishness.

On the other hand if what one does, and who one is carries weight, and stands sponsor for the decent order, it should not matter so much with us as to how one looks. Alas! Too often people are held up and forced where they do not belong merely on their fine appearance, when they are not good enough to enjoy the society of white cats.

The chief question with us is, What does one stand for? or, Is he or she a proper person to mingle and associate with respectable people? Using up money that could be applied on the purchase of a home to dress up to people will say you look fine is the rankest nonsense. Anything dressed up of course will leave a favorable impression, even though it be a false, and misleading sign of well being.

The lowest people in the social scale may be the best dressed, while the highest people in the social scale may dress in such simplicity that they would not attract attention of the poor idiot who places so much distinction on gaudy gloss, and has such little sense that he can not see that it takes all he can make to appear like a dude to please the eye of a lot of fools.

CHARLES S. JOHNSON APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE RESEARCH BUREAU

Associate Director of Chicago Race Relations Commission Now With the League

Charles S. Johnson, who completes this month his services as Associate Executive Secretary of the Chicago Race Relations Commission, appointed by Governor Lowden of Illinois following the Chicago race riots in 1919, has been appointed Director of the Department of Research and Investigation of the National Urban League. He will begin his duties at the headquarters of the league, 127 East 23rd Street, New York City, on July first. This department under his guidance will accumulate data on Negro progress and achievements which will be placed at the disposal of writers, lecturers and students who desire reliable information on the Negro.

Under Mr. Johnson's direction investigations of social conditions in the cities where league branches are being established will be made so that the programs of improvement may be inaugurated on the basis of a thorough knowledge of the social needs of the community. Mr. Johnson will also advise in the collection and classification of facts about social service agencies, and will record statistics on the social condition of the group showing the improvement secured as a result of these social service activities—this to be worked out thru the branches of the league thruout the country.

Mr. Johnson is a native of Bristol, Virginia, a graduate of Virginia Union University and the University of Chicago. He was Director of the Department of Research and Investigation of the Chicago Urban League for three years, having organized this department. He conducted a special investigation of the Negro migration from the South for the Carnegie Foundation and while Associate Executive Secretary of the Chicago Race Relations Commission directed investigations and supervised a large staff of white and colored investigators, compiled material and wrote sections of the report. The most notable feature of this work is the study of public opinion on the Negro prepared by Mr. Johnson for the commission.

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE SENDS AGENT TO TULSA.

George W. Buckner of St. Louis Is Selected.

The National Urban League, as following the East St. Louis riot, has sent a representative to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in interest of the formation of an inter-racial committee which will remain as a permanent activity to work for larger opportunity and a square deal for the Negro along social lines in Tulsa.

George W. Buckner, Executive Secretary of the St. Louis Urban League, who immediately after the East St. Louis riot and for two years thereafter worked as executive secretary of the East St. Louis Urban League, was dispatched immediately after the Tulsa incident to the scene of the riot. He has reported in part as follows:

"The whole colored area has been wiped out with only a few homes here and there remaining—these owned mostly by white people. Several thousand have left, and the M. K. & T. Railroad is offering half fare to all who wish to leave. The situation here is black beyond description. I am staying on a cot in the basement of the Tulsa Hotel. I will stay here until the situation has been worked out. In the meantime, I will be working along heading to an organization. The city is still guarded and I had to show my telegrams in order to get a permit to remain here."

It is Mr. Buckner's purpose to inaugurate a social welfare program in Tulsa which will tend to remove the causes of friction, enlarge the Negro's industrial opportunity and secure for him a square deal in all phases of community life.

NEGRO FORCED TO CLIMB TREE AND RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

McCormick, S. C.—Herbert Quarrels, a Negro charged with attacking a white woman, was lynched here. The Negro was captured by a posse of citizens and, following identification by the victim, he was forced to climb a tree and was then riddled with bullets.



HON. ROBERT E. CROWE

The Fearless State's Attorney of Cook County, Who Continues to Battle Hard in Order to Bring the Criminal Element of This City and County to the Bars of Justice and to Land Them Behind the Prison Bars at Joliet, Illinois.

NEW YORK LEADER URGES RACE TO SECURE FIREARMS.

New York.—Negroes in New York were urged to arm by Herbert H. Harrison, president of the Liberal League of Negro Americans, at a meeting here to ask for contributions to a fund to relieve the suffering caused to the Negroes of Tulsa. He denied that the Negroes of Tulsa were in any way responsible for the rioting, and charged that the police and troops took sides with the whites until restrained by the authorities.

"It is not only these Negroes, but those everywhere in the country, of whom we are thinking," Harrison said in asking for funds. "I am not making any predictions, but I should not be surprised if we saw three splendid race riots by next September. There may not be any in New York, but I advise you to be ready to defend yourselves. I notice that the state government has removed some of its restrictions upon owning firearms, and one form of life insurance for your wives and children might be the possession of some of these handy implements. And it is absolutely necessary for your protection to join the Liberal league, which is carrying on a wide campaign for the interests of our race."

Harrison branded as "a lie," reports that firing by Negroes started the disturbance at Tulsa, and said that a group of fifty merely went to patrol the jail when rumors of intended violence to a Negro prisoner reached their ears.



HON. WILLIAM R. FETZER

One of the Popular and Straight-Forward Judges of the Municipal Court, Who Has Been Vindicated for Discharging Jos. Conzolino, Who Was Charged With Having Several Hundred Pounds of Dynamite on His Farm at 72nd Street and Central Avenue. Judge Ann Adams Set in Judgment in the Second Trial and He Discharged the Defendant on the Ground that There Was Insufficient Evidence to Convict Him of the Charge, Upholding the Contention of Judge Fetzer.

PRAZIER-JACKSON WEDDING BELLS.

By Evelyn Casey.

On last Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Prazier, 616 E. 46th street, gave in marriage their daughter Myrtle to Mr. Arthur L. Jackson. The wedding was beautiful in simplicity and the service was read by the Rev. M. H. Jackson of Grace Presbyterian Church as the couple stood beneath a large bell of white rose petals.

Miss Bertha Williams was at the piano and promptly at 7:00 P. M., to the strains of the Lohengrin, the bridal party entered the parlor led by Miss Hope Dunmore as bridesmaid, and Mr. Robert Prazier, brother of the bride, as groomsmen. They were followed by Miss Lydia Thompson, maid of honor, and Mr. Earl Jackson, brother of the groom, as best man. Last came the bride on the arm of her father.

The bride was gowned in shimmering white satin and wore a veil of tulle with wreath of valley lilies, and carried an arm bouquet of bride roses. Miss Thompson, the maid of honor, was in turquoise blue beaded georgette, and Miss Dunmore wore pink. Both maids carried pink roses. The gentlemen were in conventional evening dress. Little Helen Woolfolk and Lavenia and Corinne Livingstone, in dainty ruffled French frocks of pink and apple green, flitted about serving delightful refreshments to the guests who numbered about one hundred.

The home was tastefully decorated with cut flowers, southern simlax and asparagus fern, while in the dining room the table was artistic with candleabra blinking a soft glow between the foliage. Following an old custom, the bride cut the wedding cake.

The presents were numerous and costly, which showed the high esteem in which this young couple is held. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson will be at home to friends after June 25th at 616 E. 46th st.

SPLENDID RECORD OF HON. ADELBERT H. ROBERTS IN THE LEGISLATURE OF ILLINOIS.

None of the members of the Fifty-Second General Assembly of Illinois, have made any better or more lasting record than Hon. Adelbert H. Roberts, from the Third Senatorial District.

Among some of the important worth whiles, was the securing of an appropriation, setting aside one thousand dollars per annum for the services of a Solicitor of Labor, in connection with the Free Labor Employment Bureau, located at 35th street and Grand boulevard. He also secured an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars to purchase the ground adjoining the old homestead of President Abraham Lincoln and to improve and beautify it in every way, so that for ages to come, it will stand as a living monument to the great emancipator and liberator of more than four million slaves.

Mr. Roberts is proud to state that every Democratic member of the Lower House of the Legislature voted for every measure which he championed. He also secured the passage of his Anti-Bombing Bill.

QUINN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday, June 26, will be a big day in Quinn. Bishop J. S. Flipper, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., will preach at 10:45 A. M. Bishop Becker Johnson, D. D., at 8 P. M.

Rev. Morris Allen, C. E. League secretary, will address the Endeavor society.

Both the regular and Revival Choir will sing the morning service.

The entire church will march in the afternoon from Bethel to the 8th Regiment armory to attend the mass meeting at 3 o'clock.

The first Sunday in July will be the fourth and last Quarterly meeting for the year.

This will be called reunion day, all the former members of Quinn are asked to be present and spend the day with the Mother Church.

An old fashioned Love Feast will be held Sunday morning from 10 a. m. until 11 a. m. Communion sermon in the afternoon and special services at 8 p. m.

MICHIGAN BARS HARRISON PARKER'S CO-OPERATIVE STOCK.

Lansing, Mich.—The Michigan Securities commission has refused to approve the sale in this state of benefit certificates of the Grocery Co-operators of America, a common law trust organized by Harrison Parker of Chicago.

North Star Lodge No. 1 will confer the third degree Saturday, July 9th beginning at 3:00 p. m. sharp. North Star is taking the lead off in the matter of finishing work before midnight. At the special communication held to confer degrees May 21, the work was finished before twelve. Every one went away well pleased and with the assurance of a good night's rest before them. Come early—Go home early.

JUDGE LANDIS SUSTAINS ALDERMAN JACKSON.

The First Regiment Uniform Rank, K. of P., rented the Second floor of the N. W. corner of 35th and Calumet Ave. for lodge room purposes. An injunction having been placed on the premises some six months ago, Attorney General Brundage's office opposed the lifting of the injunction and charged that the organization was renting the place for a cabaret. "Fighting Bob" went to the defense of the organization of which he is the military head, and defended the case before Judge Landis.

The Chicago Tribune for political reason joined hands with the Attorney General and attempted to try the case in its newspaper.

Judge Landis heard the case Saturday morning, lifted the injunction on the premises and "Fighting Bob" was given the lease. Judge Landis believes in a square deal and his decision in this case is worthy of comment.

APPOMATTOX CLUB NOTES.

The remainder of the calendar for the month of June at the Appomattox Club, 3632 Grand blvd., follows:

Saturday, June 25, 9:00 P. M.—A reception and luncheon to Hon. Edw. H. Morris, member of the Constitutional Convention. Aspicus of the Civics Committee. Subscription \$1.00. Chas. S. Duke, Chairman. Members only.

Thursday afternoon, June 30, 3:00 to 7:00 P. M.—Childrens Party. Mrs. Hazel Thompson Davis, Directing Hostesses—Mmes. David McGowan, David Hawley, J. Gray Lucas, George W. Holt, S. A. T. Watkins and Robert S. Abbott. Children of members invited.

Dancing Saturday afternoons, 5:00 to 7:00 p. m. Ladies Whist 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon 2:30. Club rooms open to members daily 12:00 M. to 1:00 P. M. Dining Room and Buffet Service as usual. Dinner served daily.

NEGRO WHO SLEW WHITE GIRL IS BURNED AT STAKE.

Moultrie, Ga.—John Henry Williams, Negro slayer of Lorena Wilkes, 12 year old white girl, was burned at the stake here by a mob after he had been convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to be hanged July 8. The prisoner was taken from the officers as he was being escorted, from the courtroom and was rushed to the scene of his crime, where he was tied to the stump of a tree.

Williams calmly smoked a cigar as the match was applied to the fuel around him, and he made but little outcry as the flames slowly burned him to death. It was reported that he made a full confession.

NEGROES' CAMP IN CHICAGO MUST GO, RAILROAD SAYS.

The village of the unemployed, consisting of 100 Negroes who have established a camp east of the Illinois Central tracks between 26th and 31st streets, was ordered broken up by the railroad following the death last week of a "villager" who was struck by a train. A new camp site will be located by the Urban league so the men may have a place to live until employment is found.

There are 20,000 colored people out of work in Chicago, according to Mrs. Ira Couch Wood of the league's executive committee.

MAYOR SEEKS 1,000 NEGROES FOR CHORUS AT PIER SHOW.

J. Wesley Jones, director of the Metropolitan Community church choir, will be the director of the 1,000 Negro singers Mayor Thompson hopes to assemble at the Pageant of Progress exposition. Young colored people over 16 years old are invited to attend rehearsals Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings at the Metropolitan church, Prairie avenue and 39th street, Wendell Phillips High school building.

MOB BURNS NEGRO CHURCH.

Destroy Lodge and Several Homes as Result of Murder.

Antreville, Ga.—A Negro church was burned here by alleged members of a mob which also burned the homes of several Negroes, and lodge and church buildings.

Several Negroes were whipped by the mob and one was shot when he fired with a shotgun.

The mob rule results from the murder early this week of Lorena Wilkes, a twelve-year-old white girl.

FRATERNAL FOOTNOTES.

St. John's Day will be observed by the Lodges of the 1st District Sunday, June 26, at St. Mary's A. M. E. Church, Dearborn street near 53rd street, at 2:00 p. m. The subordinate Lodges will be escorted by the Knight Templars and Western Consistory. A unique feature of the day will be the appearance of Harmony Lodge No. 88, as a band of 100 strong.